



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

April 29, 2018

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Life In Our Community

*School Age Faith Formation:* Classes at St. Vincent de Paul are Sundays at 10:45am, and at St. Patrick on Wednesdays at 5pm.

*Praise & Worship:* On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 7pm at our St. Vincent site.

*Food Pantry:* Call the office Mon.-Thurs. between 10 & noon to set Fri. appointment. Food collection at Masses 1st weekend of each month.

*K of C:* 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

*Bulletin Mail or email list:* call our office.

*Televised Mass:* View a taped Mass on Cable channel 191 on Wed. 11am & 4pm, Friday 9am, or Sat. 10:50am.

*Adult Faith Formation at St. Vincent:* Whole Community Catechesis on the 1st Sun. of the month after 9:30am Mass. Discussion Group Mon., 9am, Church Library.

*Bulletin Deadline:* Wednesday, 3:00pm

*Parish Hall Rental Bookings:*

St. Patrick: Call Betty, 989-463-2503

St. Vincent: Call Theresa, 989-828-6003

### Sacramental Information

*Baptism of an infant:*  
Contact the parish office.

*Adult Baptism/Confirmation (RCIA):*  
Program is running now. Call Deacon Jerry Green for information..

*Elementary Sacramental Preparation:* Enrollment in parish faith formation program required. Call the office for additional information.

*Reconciliation:* St. Vincent site. Saturdays at 4pm for private Reconciliation.

*Marriage:* Contact parish office no less than six months prior to wedding date.

*Sacrament of Anointing of Sick:* Please contact us before a surgery, during hospitalization or if experiencing a change in health.

*Hospitalized/Homebound Ministry:* Please call the office to arrange for Eucharist or for a pastoral visit.

*Funerals:* Please contact us before or after contacting the funeral home.

**Mass**  
**Saturday 4:30pm**  
**Sunday 9:30am**

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## WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation; No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color; No matter what your self-image or esteem; You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



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Parish Church

## APRIL 29, 2018

**Parish Mission Statement:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a Christian community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service.

**Parish Vision Statement:** St. Vincent de Paul Parish is called by its Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to serve his people through living the message of the Gospel, giving service to the poor, comforting the suffering, and providing strength through the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. We strive always to meet the needs of the broader community through a variety of ministries which reach out through our parish family to those with whom we live, work, and play. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to establish and maintain a lifelong and vital relationship with him so as to grow each day in knowing, loving, and serving the Lord and one another.

### Parish Pastoral Council

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### Office Hours

Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm / Fri. 9am-1pm  
Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Mon. 9am-1pm  
Dr. Green: Please call for appointment

## **Community Prayer**

### Monday, April 30

Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

### Tuesday, May 1

Acts 11:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday, May 2

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm May Crowning of Mary

### Thursday, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

### Friday, May 4

Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday, May 5

Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21  
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17  
St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary  
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass (First Communion)

## K of C Corner

"St. Paul writes, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Cor 1:18)"

"The Paradox of the Cross" Editorial  
Columbia Magazine, April 2018

**Please hold in Prayer:** Pansy Thaller, Ed Filhart, Anna Hoffman, Doug Sharrar, Deb P., R.E., Evelyn Trudell, Donna Meyer, Paulette Schieber, Binkowski Family, Jennifer Romero, Ella Kenny, and the sick and homebound.

Also please remember in prayer the family of Thomas Kawka who died this past week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

### Celebration Breakfast!

Deacon Jerry will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption on June 1 and preside at Masses of Thanksgiving here on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3. Our community will join together in the St. Vincent Parish Hall for breakfast after the Sunday Mass to celebrate with him. Join us!



**"Advancing the mission of Christ—What shall I do Lord"**

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. CSA is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in our diocese to share our blessings and show our concern for one another. Your gift is important. Our Parish Goal is 100% participation. *If you cannot give, write in 0 but please return your pledge card.* The financial goal set for us by the diocese is \$40,737.

Please be as generous as God has been to you. Every gift, regardless of size, is important. Any amount raised above our goal comes back to our parish.

### **Our Gifts to the Lord**

**April 22, 2018**

Building Improvement	\$	50.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	275.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Rice Bowls	\$	60.15
Evangelization	\$	10.00

### Regular Collection

	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
April 22	\$ 6,468.00	\$ 193,866.49
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 201,925.00

**St. Patrick Clean-Up Rescheduled**

The cemetery and yard clean-up at St. Patrick has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 5th at 8:30am.

**Breakfast & Whole Community Catechesis**

Join us next Sunday, May 6 in St. Vincent Hall after 9:30am Mass. The topic is *Eucharist & Sending Forth*.

**MISSING From St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen:**

One clear drink (punch/lemonade, etc.) dispenser has been missing for a few months. It may have been inadvertently stored and forgotten. Please return it as soon as possible. It's needed for upcoming events. Thanks.

**Craft Ministry Christened *Hearts and Hands***

When your group has an official name it secures a place for itself in the parish, and this group has settled in for coffee, crafts, and enjoyment with a purpose. Join *Hearts and Hands* at their next meeting in the St. Vincent Church library on May 2 at 9am (right after the Word & Communion Service).

If you're working on a project, bring it along. If you'd like to learn a craft, bring your interest. (Artistry is nice, but networking with kindred souls is the mission!) Donations of quilting materials, yarn, etc., are welcome.

If the group runs out of elbow room, we'll find a bigger space. Bring *your elbows* and see what the group is all about!

**Sacred Art Workshop in Alma**

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a Sacred Art Workshop, Nov. 12 –17. Call 989-462-6035 ext. 1 for info or to register. \$400 for commuters or \$600 to include lodging & meals. Go to [rsmofalma.org](http://rsmofalma.org), click on "Illumination Workshop" link on the upper right.

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse. *The Charter* includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts.

- If you suspect a child is in imminent danger, call 911 immediately
- Call Dept. of Human Services/Child Protection 24/7 at 855-444-3911.
- To report to our diocese, contact Sr. Janet Fulgenzi at [jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or 989-797-6682.
- Review Michigan Law at [www.michigan.gov/dhs](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs)

**Diocese & Bishop's News & Notes** [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org)

**Prayer for Bishop Cistone**

Father of Mercy and Love, who watches over your creatures with unflinching care,  
keep us in the safe embrace of your love.  
With your strong right hand raise up your servant Joseph, our shepherd,  
and give him the strength of your own power.  
Minister to him and heal his illness, so that he may have from you the help he longs for.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from Household Blessings and Prayers, USCCB 1968. Dist. by Saginaw Diocese.)

**Fr. Jim Falsey**, one of our senior priests, has been ministering in the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. He will speak on his **Alaskan experiences** on Wed., May 9, 1:30-3:30pm at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw (5800 Weiss St.). There is no charge to attend, but please notify [mccoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:mccoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org) so they can be ready. (No email? Call the parish office.)

**From Faith Formation Director Mary Moomey**

As Director of Faith Formation I often tell families that the best way to nurture their children's faith is to live their faith. Along with living their faith it is important to say your faith. Sometimes people don't think they are qualified to speak about faith. They think that is for priests or religious or catechists. But children are concrete thinkers. It is not always obvious to them the connection between faith and everyday life. Most parents try their best to live their faith and a quiet sentence spoken in the midst of an ordinary day can help children see that connection. Such as: We don't make fun of others because Jesus wants us to show love; or We go to Mass to show God we love him and to receive his love; or I know you are upset but the Holy Spirit is with us and will help us. Most of the time there is no long discussion and life continues on with the reminder of this truth.

Saying we need to do something or not do something because the church tells us to does not take us far enough to the heart of the faith. The heart of the faith is that God loves us and wants us to love him and follow him out of love. Children and young people can grasp that long before they understand other theology. Of course as adults we know that it is not always easy to follow Jesus but we have the sacraments, the Bible, the church teachings, prayer, worship and the whole Body of Christ (the church) to help us. The more we share what we believe with our children the more they will learn to live their faith.

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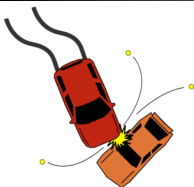
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